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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING: THE ROLE OF INDIA

1. THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP TO THE UN (MARGO PICKEN) INFORMED MISOFF THAT THE NEW INDIAN REP TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MRS. VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, IS A PERSON WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVES, AND MIGHT BE WILLING TO TRY TO LEAD HER GOVERNMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA RATHER THAN MAINTAIN A PASSIVE ROLE (WHICH WAS THE GENERAL INDIAN POSTURE AT THE 33RD HRC MEETING). SINCE THE USDEL IS EAGER TO ESTABLISH CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FROM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI AS TO THE SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS INTERESTS AND TRAVEL PLANS OF MRS. PANDIT.

2. USUN WOULD ESPECIALLY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING OF MRS. PANDIT'S IDEAS ABOUT HOW THE PROPOSAL FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER CAN BE MODIFIED TO INSURE ITS SUCCESS, AND TO MAKE IT A PART OF AN ONGOING PROCESS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY OF THE UN. FURTHERMORE, INDIA'S SUPPORT FOR SOME CONCRETE, BUT PERHAPS LOW-KEY, ACTION UNDER 1503 (THE CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURES) IN SUCH A CASE AS UGANDA, IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE WOULD
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APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION AS TO HOW SHE MIGHT FEEL AS TO WHAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE EXPECTED UK INITIATIVE TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMBODIA.
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